THE TRAVANCORE JENMI AND KUDIYAN ACT (Amendment) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Jenmi and Kudiyan Act (Amendment) Bill and beg to move that the Bill be read in the Assembly. I have only a word to add in support of this motion. At the time when the Amendment Act was under debate, the honourable members of this House might remember that the original Bill proposed by Government contained a provision which enabled Government to bring into effect the Jenmikaram Settlement Register as and when they were prepared. At the instance of the Jenmi representatives who stoutly opposed that provision, an amendment was made whereby it was provided that the jenmikaram settlement register shall come into force simultaneously throughout the State. Such an amendment had to be made, for the simple reason that the Jenmi members were at that time under the impression that if jenmikaram work was allowed to be done piece meal, Government may not be willing to carry out that work for the whole State. The Government yielded and finally adopted the existing provision. Now it is several years since the work started and a good portion of the jenmikaram work is complete. The difficulty is that entire work in relation to the register has to be finished before it is legally brought into effect. There should not be a single item of property left out. If that be the case, it is likely that several years will have to elapse before the entire work concerning this matter for the whole State could be finished. That is disadvantageous both to the Jenmies and the Kudiyans. If the register is brought into effect, the aggrieved parties may take appropriate measures for the irrectification of the register. The Government who have undertaken to collect jenmikaram might do so and the Kudiyans who are willing to pay in accordance with the rules passed might begin payment. The Government themselves have been spending large sums of money on this account. All things considered, Government are now fully convinced that such of the registers as have been prepared in respect of the various pakuthies in the State must be brought into force at once so that Jenmies might get and the Kudiyans may pay in accordance with the provisions made. Steps can be taken in law only after the registers are brought into effect in accordance with the provisions contained in the Act. The object of the provision is to enable Government to issue registers separately for different areas so as to avoid the inconveniences and loss arising from delay. The provisions relating to that matter are contained in two sections, namely 40 A and 40 B. They are proposed to be amended so as to carry out the purposes stated by me. For these reasons, I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. E. E. PANDARATHIL (*The Travancore Jenmies, South*): In welcoming the timely amendment to the Jenmi Kudiyan Act I have very little to add by way of supplement save my sense of thankfulness. When the Jenmi Kudiyan Bill was passed in 1108, the apprehension of the then Jenmi members in not including partial arrears for collection

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work but insisting on the State as a whole was that the work may not be carried out properly and finished in time so as to serve the interests of all the Jenmies, but would benefit the stronger Jenmies before the lesser ones. Some work may remain finished and some others unfinished. They little thought that any Jenmi after the regulation would be strong and the term itself would be only euphemistic. Some difficulties have arisen both for Jenmies and Kudiyans necessitating this amendment to the existing provision. There are very little of positive elements in it so long as the old provision remains there. Now this amendment indicates that the bulk of the settlement work is finished. The proposed amendments, if brought into effect, will confer a great advantage to the Jenmies by helping them to keep the pot boiling and the Kudiyans from leaving arrears which may mount up if left year by year. So, I would urge on the honourable the Legal Remembrancer to see that all necessary steps be taken immediately to give effect to the amendment by its passage into law.

The Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly then read the title of the Bill—

The Travancore Jenmi Kudiyan Act (Amendment) Bill.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, it is not my intention to refer the Bill to a Select Committee. I would request permission to pass on to the second reading of the Bill, for which suspension of the Standing Orders is necessary.

PRESIDENT: I suspend the Standing Orders.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI; I beg to move that the Travancore Jenmi Kudiyan Act (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration.

MR. C V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I second it.

Clauses 1 to 3.

The question that Clauses 1, 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The clauses were added to the Bill.

Preamble.

The question that the Preamble forms part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The Preamble was added to the Bill.

Title.

The question that the Title forms part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The Title was added to the Bill.

Third Reading.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Before I move for the third reading, I beg to move "that in clause (1) (i) for the figure 111 , the figures 1115 " are substituted.

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I second it.

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I now move that the Travancore Jenmi and Kudiyan Act (Amendment) Bill be passed.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill wa passed.

PRESIDENT: The House will now adjourn and meet again next day.

The House was adjonrned at 6-12 P. M.

A. GUNAMONY,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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